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REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 12-16 are now pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected. Claims 7-11 are cancelled herein. Claims 1 and 6 are amended herein to address matters of form unrelated to substantive patentability issues. New Claims 12-16 are added herein.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention as a result of informalities stated in the Office Action. The claims are amended to remove or correct the informalities noted in the Office Action. In particular, the integrated circuit in claim 1-6 is merely recited as being re-programmable. The further limitation that the re-programmable circuit is a field programmable gate array is address in dependent claims 12-16. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 and their allowance are earnestly requested.

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INTERVIEW ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The applicant and applicant's attorney appreciate the Examiner's conducting telephone interview conducted on February 4, 2005, and extend their thanks to the Examiner for his time and consideration. During the interview it was explained that the present Office Action did not set forth an art based rejection of claim 2 but it did not indicate that claim 2 contained allowable subject matter. The Examiner indicated in the discussion that claim 2 was considered to contain allowable subject matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by either the Glickman or Pappalarado references. Claim 1 is now amended to include the subject matter of claim 2 which has been indicated to be allowable. Claim 2 is cancelled. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 and its allowance and allowance of claims 3-7 and 12-15 dependent therefrom are respectfully requested.